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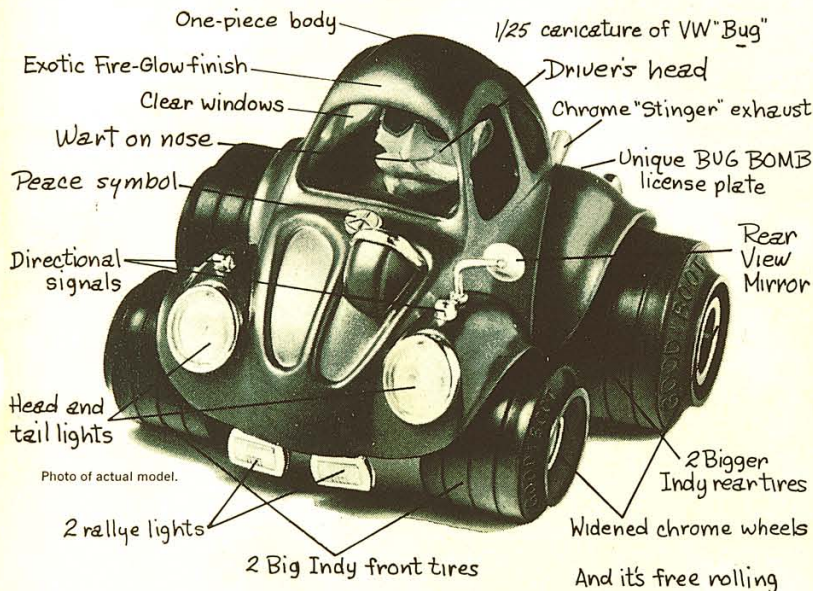
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--I CAN'T GET GWENDY OUT OF MY MIND.

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE SEEN HER BEFORE SHE WENT TO LONDON...

BUT, EVEN IF I DID--WHAT GOOD WOULD IT HAVE DONE?

SHE'LL ALWAYS BLAME SPIDER-MAN FOR THE DEATH OF HER FATHER.

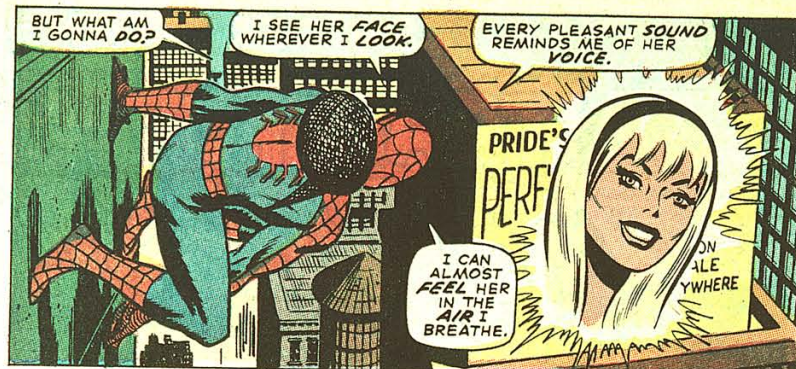
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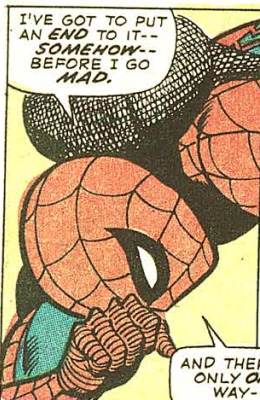
I SEE HER FACE WHEREVER I LOOK.

EVERY PLEASANT SOUND REMINDS ME OF HER VOICE.

I CAN ALMOST FEEL HER IN THE AIR I BREATHE.

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ON ALE YWHERE



I'VE GOT TO PUT AN END TO IT--SOMEHOW--BEFORE I GO MAD.

AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY--



I HAVE TO GO TO LONDON--HAVE TO FIND HER.

THERE MUST BE A WAY--FOR ME TO EXPLAIN.



LUCKILY, I'VE NO CLASSES THIS WEEK.

BUT, WHAT DO I DO FOR MONEY?



IT'S BEEN WEEKS SINCE I SOLD ANY PHOTOS.

AND I CAN'T ASK POOR AUNT MAY FOR A LOAN.



MY ONLY HOPE IS TO GET AN ADVANCE FROM JAMESON.

BUT WHO AM I KIDDING? THAT'S LIKE NO CHANCE AT ALL.



ALL THESE YEARS--YEARS OF FIGHTING, RISKING MY LIFE, TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE--AND FOR WHAT? GOD MUST HAVE LOVED POOR SLOBS--HE MADE SO MANY OF US.

PETER! HOLD IT, SON.

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HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF YOU SINCE CAPTAIN STACY DIED.

I GUESS I'VE BEEN PRETTY SHOOK-UP ABOUT IT, MR. ROBERTSON.

YES--WE ALL WERE.

HOW'S HIS DAUGHTER TAKING IT?



NOT AS A GIFT, SON!

I'M STILL CITY EDITOR HERE! I'LL SEND YOU TO ENGLAND--TO BRING BACK SOME NEWS-PIX.



JUST GO TO OUR CASHIER AND GET A TRAVEL VOUCHER. SHE CAN OKAY IT WITH ME.

SURE, KID! JUST BRING BACK THE SHOTS.

YOU--YOU MEAN IT? YOU'RE REALLY ON THE LEVEL?

THEN--I DO BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS.



PLANE FARES COST MONEY--AND I'M TOO OLD TO BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS.

SO THAT'S WHAT'S BUGGING YOU, EH?

WELL, MAYBE THE BUGLE CAN MAKE LIKE SANTA FOR A CHANGE.

YOU MEAN GET THE DOUGH FROM JAMESON?

SOME CHANCE.



EVEN IN ONE WHO FEEDS HIS REINDEER SOUL FOOD?

ISN'T THAT PETER PARKER? WHAT'S HE LOOKING SO HAPPY ABOUT?

SAY, YOU'VE GOT SOME GRIP! MY ARM'S STILL TINGLING.



OH, I JUST GAVE HIM A NEW ASSIGNMENT, J.J.

LAZY, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING TEENAGER! HE ONLY WORKS WHEN HE FEELS LIKE IT.

THAT SO? WISH I KNEW HOW HE DOES IT.

NEXT TO SPIDER-MAN, I HATE LOUD-MOUTHED STUDENTS THE MOST.

I EVEN HATE 'EM WHEN THEY'RE QUIET.



BUT, LEST JOLLY JONAH'S PHILOSOPHY PROVE TOO PERSUASIVE, WE'LL QUICKLY CHANGE OUR SCENE--

PETER--HI, MRS. WATSON, I CAME TO SEE AUNT MAY!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR HER.



AUNT MAY, WAIT! I TELL--

OH! MARY JANE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.

WHY FIGHT IT, MAN? IT'S FATE! YOUR SUB-CONSCIOUS COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM ME.

PETER!

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AND--I LOVE HER, CAPTAIN STACY! BUT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN--

IF SHE EVER LEARNS THAT I'M SPIDER-MAN?

SPIDER-MAN-- THE ONE SHE BLAMES FOR YOUR DEATH!

MISTER--



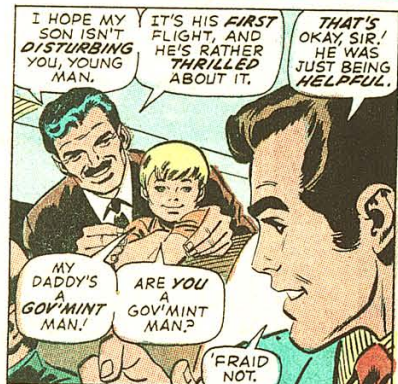
HOW COME YOU DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR SEAT BELT? EVERYONE ELSE DID.

DO YOU LIKE WEARIN' IT?

HUH? WHA--? OH, OH I SEE.

WOW-- HAVE I GOT IT BAD! I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE WE WERE IN THE AIR!

THANKS FOR REMINDING ME, PAL.



I HOPE MY SON ISN'T DISTURBING YOU, YOUNG MAN.

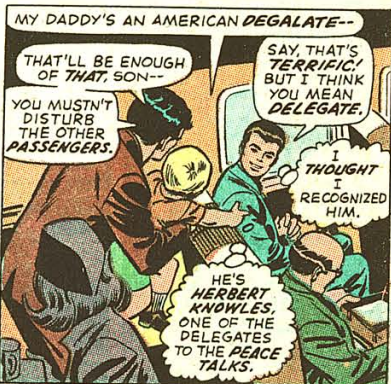
IT'S HIS FIRST FLIGHT, AND HE'S RATHER THRILLED ABOUT IT.

THAT'S OKAY, SIR! HE WAS JUST BEING HELPFUL.

MY DADDY'S A GOV'MINT MAN!

ARE YOU A GOV'MINT MAN?

'FRAID NOT.



MY DADDY'S AN AMERICAN DELEGATE--

THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OF THAT, SON--

YOU MUSTN'T DISTURB THE OTHER PASSENGERS.

SAY, THAT'S TERRIFIC! BUT I THINK YOU MEAN DELEGATE.

I THOUGHT RECOGNIZED HIM.

HE'S HERBERT KNOWLES, ONE OF THE DELEGATES TO THE PEACE TALKS.



A FEW HOURS LATER--

WONDER WHAT THEY'D SAY IF THEY KNEW THEIR "FELLOW PASSENGER" PACKED IN SUCH A HURRY--

--THAT HE'S STILL WEARING HIS SPIDER-MAN COSTUME UNDER HIS SUIT.

AND THAT REMINDS ME--

I STILL OWE THE BUGLE FOR THIS TRIP...



SO I'D BETTER NOT RETURN WITHOUT SOME NEWSPIX TO PAY FOR IT.



EVERYONE STAY IN YOUR SEATS!

THE LOUD-SPEAKER.

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.

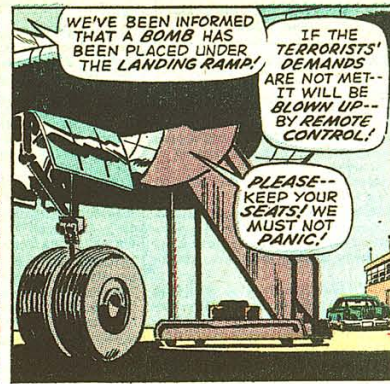
BUT WHAT?



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- WE HAVE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

NO ONE MAY LEAVE THE PLANE! WE ARE ALL BEING HELD-- AS HOSTAGES!

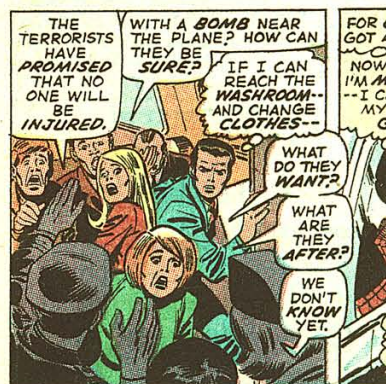
HOSTAGES? BUT-- BY WHOM?



WE'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT A BOMB HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE LANDING RAMP!

IF THE TERRORISTS' DEMANDS ARE NOT MET-- IT WILL BE BLOWN UP-- BY REMOTE CONTROL!

PLEASE-- KEEP YOUR SEATS! WE MUST NOT PANIC!



THE TERRORISTS HAVE PROMISED THAT NO ONE WILL BE INJURED.

WITH A BOMB NEAR THE PLANE? HOW CAN THEY BE SURE?

IF I CAN REACH THE WASHROOM-- AND CHANGE CLOTHES--

FOR ONCE I GOT A BREAK.

NOW THAT I'M MASKED-- I CAN LET MYSELF GO.

WHAT DO THEY WANT?

WHAT ARE THEY AFTER?

WE DON'T KNOW YET.

IF THERE IS A BOMB NEAR THE PLANE--



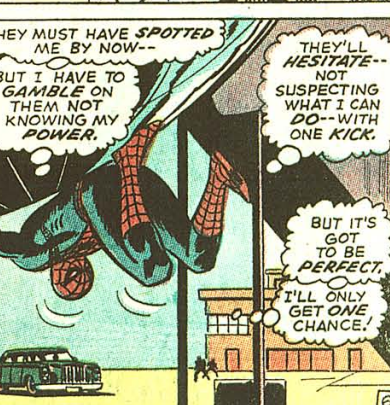
NO TIME TO BOTHER UNLOCKING DOORS.



WE WILL GIVE THEM FIVE MINUTES TO--

WAIT! WHAT IS THAT-- UNDER THE FUSILLAGE?

IT'S SOMETHING-- CRAWLING ALONG!



THEY MUST HAVE SPOTTED ME BY NOW--

BUT I HAVE TO GAMBLE ON THEM NOT KNOWING MY POWER.

THEY'LL HESITATE-- NOT SUSPECTING WHAT I CAN DO-- WITH ONE KICK.

BUT IT'S GOT TO BE PERFECT. I'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE!

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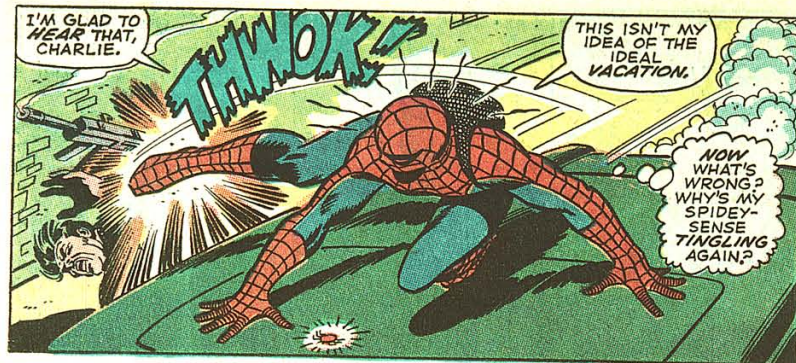
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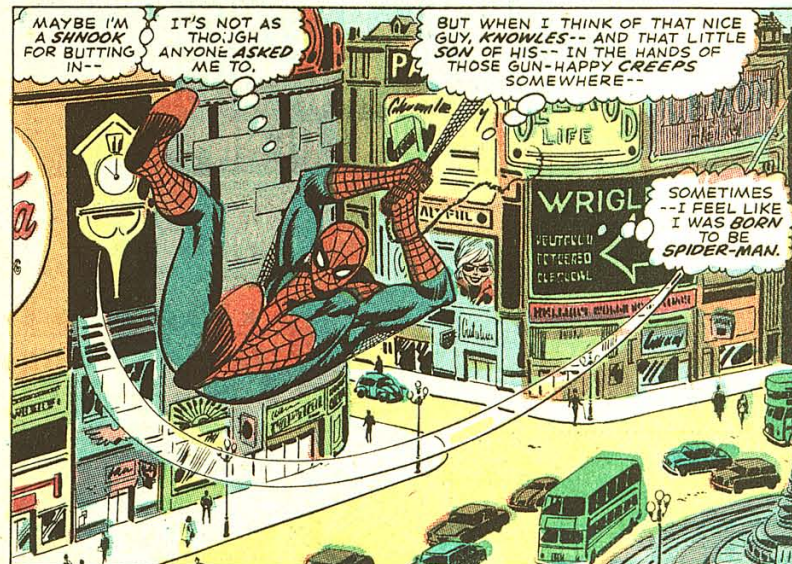
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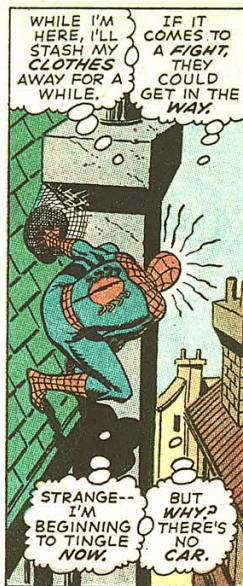
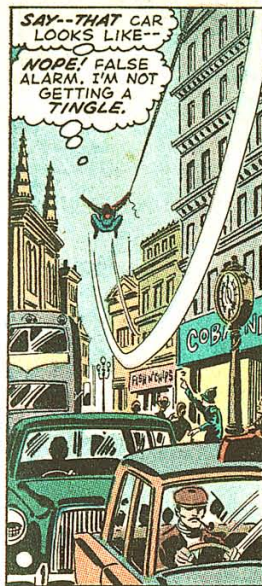
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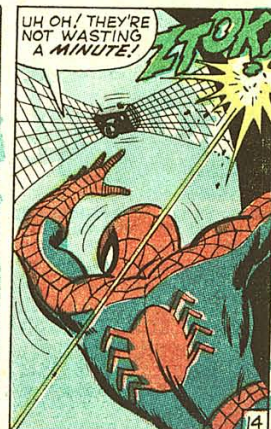
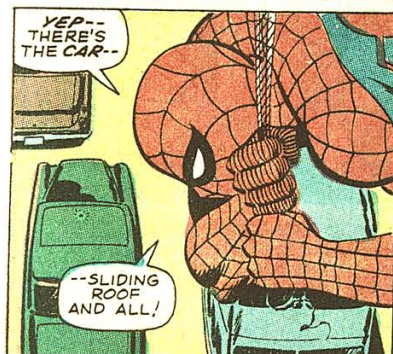
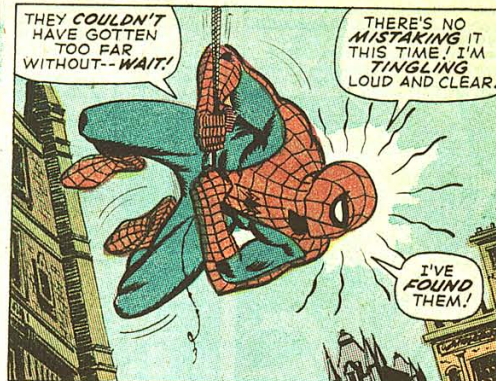
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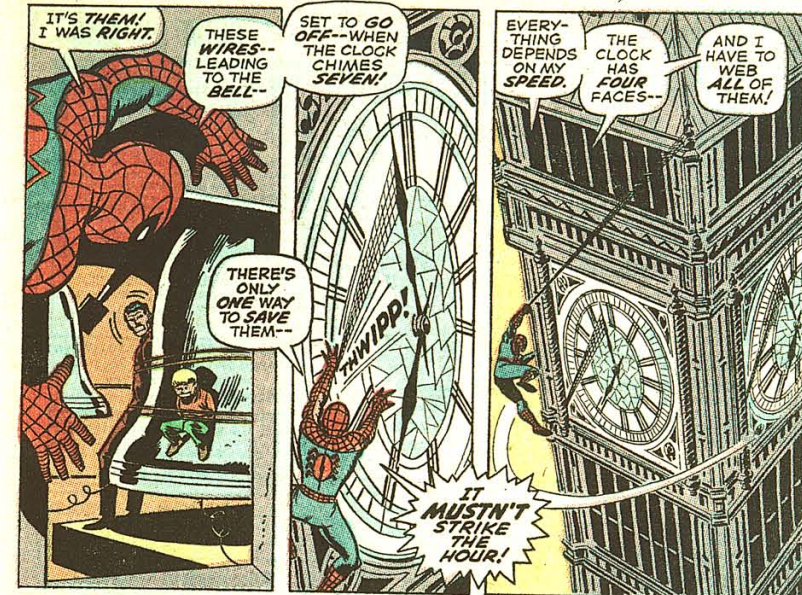
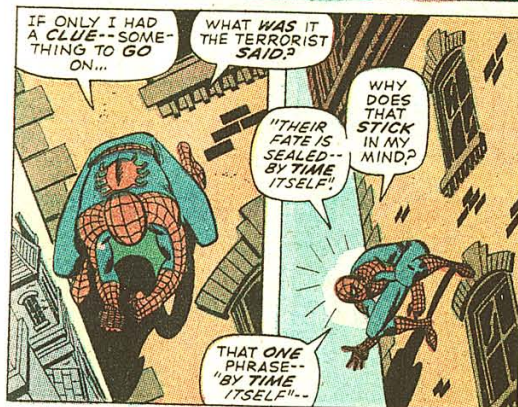
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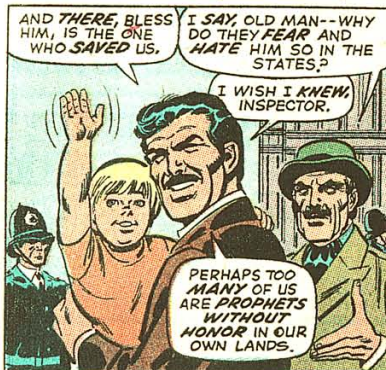


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BUT NOW, INSPECTOR-- WE'RE JUST GLAD TO BE ALIVE.

HE'S GOING AWAY.



AND THERE, BLESS HIM, IS THE ONE WHO SAVED US.

I SAY, OLD MAN-- WHY DO THEY FEAR AND HATE HIM SO IN THE STATES?

I WISH I KNEW, INSPECTOR.

PERHAPS TOO MANY OF US ARE PROPHETS WITHOUT HONOR IN OUR OWN LANDS.



FOR ONCE, EVERYTHING WORKED OUT SWELL.

THE HOSTAGES ARE SAFE-- I GOT MY NEWSPAPERS.

AND NOW NOTHING CAN KEEP ME FROM GWENDY.



HER UNCLE'S NAME IS ARTHUR.

SO I'LL GO THRU EVERY STACY IN THE PHONE BOOK, UNTIL--

OH NO!

THE ONE THING I DIDN'T THINK OF!

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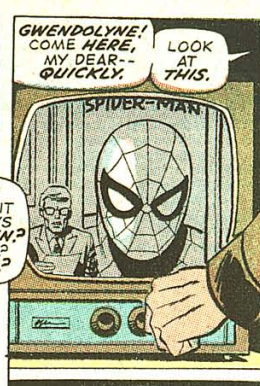
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ONCE AGAIN, EVEN WHEN I WIN-- I LOSE!

BUT THIS TIME-- I'M LOSING GWEN!

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAPPEN? WHY? WHY?



GWENDOLYNE! COME HERE, MY DEAR-- QUICKLY!

LOOK AT THIS.



YOU WEREN'T DREAMING! YOU DIDN'T IMAGINE IT.

SPIDER-MAN IS IN LONDON. YOU MUST HAVE REALLY SEEN HIM.



BUT, ACCORDING TO THIS NEWSCAST, HE SEEMS A DECENT SORT.

I'D VENTURE TO SAY THE CHAP'S A BLOOMIN' HERO!



PERHAPS YOU WERE TOO QUICK TO CONDEMN HIM, CHILD.

AFTER ALL, YOU WERE UNDER A GREAT STRAIN-- WHAT WITH POOR GEORGE'S DEATH...

YOU MAY HAVE DONE HIM-- AN INJUSTICE.



IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME NOW.

EVEN FATHER USED TO SAY --HE DIDN'T THINK SPIDER-MAN WAS REALLY BAD.

I'M--SO MIXED-UP! IF ONLY PETER WERE HERE.

I HOPED-- AND PRAYED-- HE'D LOVE ME ENOUGH TO COME AFTER ME.

BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG --ABOUT MANY THINGS.



WHILE, IN THE STREET BELOW, A FORLORN FIGURE TRUDGES TOWARDS THE AIRPORT-- AND A DISMAL JOURNEY HOME...

MAYBE IT'S BEST THIS WAY.

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ITEM! If you've been wondering why you haven't seen too much of SAM ROSEN's lettering in our mags lately, it's because he's been ill for a while. But, we just wanted to let his army of fans know that Sammy's on the mend again, and the whole happy Bullpen (including overworked ARTIE SIMKE) is glad to welcome him back.

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Question: Is there such a thing as too much success? Answer: There sure is! Example: The most recent issues of CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE FALCON. It all started because we try to make our letters pages meaningful and intellectually stimulating. We've always attempted to avoid the usual "Your mag's groovy. Keep up the good work" or "Your mag stinks. Get lost" kind of thing. But (and here's where the too-much-success bit comes in), almost every letter to Cap and the Falcon now deals with social issues, civil rights, patriotism, Viet Nam, and student unrest. We suddenly realized that nobody's saying anything about the stories themselves! So, our problem boils down to this — should we change our format to 20 pages of letters with a two-page story? Or, perhaps just change the title to TIME/WEEK? It's funny — we always wanted Cap (and all our characters) to be human, to be relevant. Even though the plots may be fantasy-filled and seemingly outrageous, we wanted you to relate to the real-life problems that crop up — problems which may even parallel your own. Well, you've been relating, all right! You've gotten so involved that all your mail seems to concern the world at large, and the conflicts and divisions that are assaulting our society. We're proud of your concern — thrilled by your insight, and your enthusiasm — but we're worried about our stories! Is anybody reading them? Hasn't anyone noticed how great Gene's penciling looks with Bill Everett's inking? Won't anyone mention that Cap's adventures are more action-packed and wondrous than ever? We wish you'd even find a mistake or two, just to let us know you're there! Come on, talk about the stories again, just for a while, huh? Otherwise they may replace us — with Walter Cronkite!

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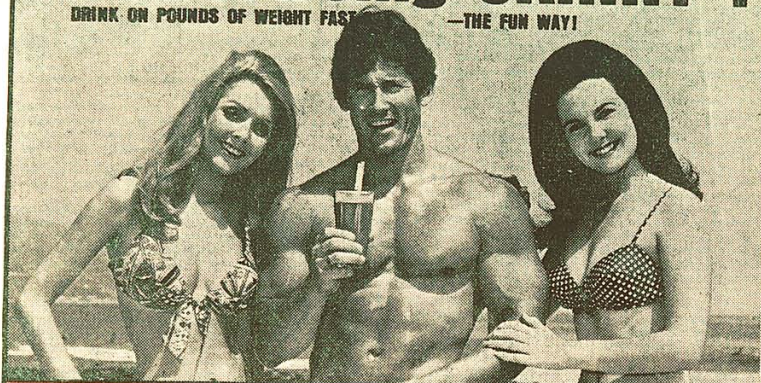
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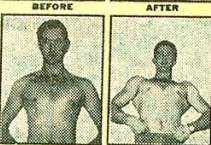
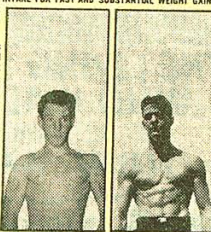
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